

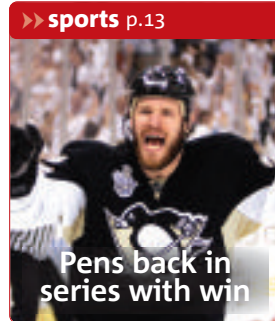


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'Nice, perfect family'

Horrificed cops find 5 dead in quiet Calgary neighbourhood

By NEIL MACKINNON
 Metro Calgary

Five people, including two small children were found dead in a northwest Calgary home yesterday, the victims of what cops called a domestic homicide that left the Dalhousie community heartbroken and police searching for answers.

Calgary police were called to 5588 Dalhart Hill around 10 a.m. yesterday after a family member came to pick up one of the children for school and noticed something wasn't right.

EMS were "horrified" when they entered the house and found three adults — one male, believed to be a 2003 University of Calgary master's of architecture graduate — two adult females and two female children, aged 4 and 6, dead, and a one-year-old unharmed female survivor, who was turned over to protective services.

"We go to calls everyday where people have died, but when children are involved, it's that much more challenging," said Calgary EMS' Paul Lapointe. "This is a pretty rare event."

Police confirmed neighbour assertions that a female renter lived with the family, who moved into the sleepy suburban neighbourhood about three years ago, but wouldn't reveal what ultimately led to the



Investigators combed the scene where the grisly discovery of five bodies in a Calgary home shook the quiet community yesterday morning. In what Calgary police are calling a domestic homicide, two children and three adults were killed while a one-year-old girl was the only survivor.

deaths, not believed to be random, as they are still investigating.

"These are hugely traumatic incidents, they're organizationally traumatic, they're traumatic for the community, we know the impact that exists," said Calgary Police chief

Rick Hanson.

Hanson said police had scoured through their records, but could find no information suggesting that police had been to the house before on a domestic assault call, or any other call for that matter.

"They seemed like a nice, perfect family," said Ken Rathje, who lives across the back-laneway, remembering the children being always "happy" as they played outside every day, "even in winter."

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Early morning arson spree ends in arrest

By ANDREW COWIE
 for Metro Edmonton

An 18-year-old man accused of trying to paint the town red in his own unique manner has been charged for six arsons started in the span of only one hour.

Picnic tables, patio sets, barbecues and sheds were all items that were deliberately set on fire during the one-hour spree.

Christopher Phillip MacBurnie was arrested after he was found wandering in the area of 40 Street and 120 Avenue yesterday, where six houses had property set ablaze between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. MacBurnie is charged with six counts of arson.

Arrest made in machete attack

Police have made an arrest in a machete attack that sent a man to hospital with a broken collar bone.

The attack took place Tuesday afternoon at 89 Street and 118 Avenue when a man was first pushed to the ground, then spat on, police said.

When the victim tried to get up he was struck with a machete.

Police, responding to 9-1-1 calls, found a suspect matching the description nearby.

Tyrone Jackson, 20, is charged with assault with a weapon, possession of an offensive weapon and breach of recognizance.

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The Folk Fest revealed its lineup yesterday and just like the Eskimos this entertainment heavyweight is building for the future. The 2008 foundation includes such acts as Jakob Dylan, left, (yes, son of Bob), Joan Osborne, Michael Franti, Hawksley Workman, Aimee Mann and 20th century heartthrob Chris Isaak.

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Gangs into prostitution

Human trafficking profits rival that of drug trade: Report

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

Criminal gangs are branching out into prostitution rings supplied with women from human trafficking in Alberta and the north, becoming just as lucrative as the drug trade, says a law enforcement report.

"It is believed that the profits gathered from human trafficking rival that of drug and weapons trafficking," read the 2008 report from Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta.

"(While) cocaine can be sold once, a human trafficking victim can be sold repeatedly, resulting in it being an extremely lucrative offence for an organized crime group to be involved in."

Victims of human traffick-

ing can be found within bawdy houses and illegitimate massage parlours throughout Alberta, said the report.

Organized crime groups are trafficking foreign victims into the province and investigations revealed women and young girls from several Asian countries have been brought into Canada, said the report.

Criminal gangs are also recruiting young women unwittingly into the sex trade who are then circulated to major cities across Canada and the U.S., said the report.

Also, nearly all of Canada's 54 criminal organizations and 49 "subjects of interest" are believed to have ties to crime networks, the report said.

The report also says the drug trade is still the primary criminal activity in Alberta and the Northwest Territories, but organized vehicle theft is turning into a "profitable criminal venture."

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South end **Dog days of spring**



Helena Baines tosses a ball for her two dogs Bailey (light colour) and Dylan at the Terwilligar off-leash park next to the river in the Edmonton south end. The city is in the midst of planning changes to the out-of-the-way riverside getaway to make it a more desirable destination: a goal not everyone supports.

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Stop new oil projects: Activists

Environmental activists are demanding immediate action on oilsands developments, after a report indicated that over five million litres of toxic waste leak from a tailings pond near the Athabasca River each day.

"The whole environment and people in that area are being contaminated, and they say it's been going on since the '60s," said Greenpeace tar sands campaigner Heather Milton-Lightening.

Yesterday, Greenpeace campaigners met with Alberta Environment Minister Rob Renner, asking for immediate change.

"We are calling for no new developments or approvals on the tar sands," she said. "Even if we did stop development today, we're still going to feel the brunt of climate change and pollution in the air and water. If we do stop it, we can help alleviate the severity."

VICTORIA HANDSIDES/METRO EDMONTON

90 impaired charges laid at checkpoints

Almost 100 Alberta motorists have been charged with impaired driving in checkpoints over the past four months.

Edmonton police, RCMP and Alberta Sheriffs have

worked together since December, and have pulled over almost 16,000 vehicles at random checkpoint locations.

Of those pulled over, 90 were charged with impaired

driving, 148 were given 24-hour suspensions, 145 vehicles were impounded, 28 warrants were executed and two people refused to provide a sample.

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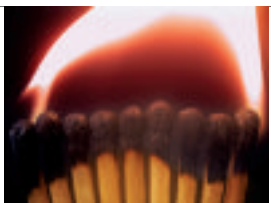
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Tax hikes hit homeowners

Low-income area residents to see greatest increase

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

City taxes are on their way up this year and Edmonton's low-income residents are footing a big share of the bill.

More than 300,000 property tax notices were dropped in the mail on Friday, some which may force

those in areas traditionally inhabited by people of a lower income looking for a new place to call home.

"I'm not exactly sure where people could go," said Rod Risling, branch manager for city taxation services. "We have to reflect the value of the property of neighbourhoods."

Put simply, if the property value on a home rose substantially within the past year, the homeowner's taxes are going to skyrocket as a result, whether or not they are

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Rod Risling, branch manager
for city taxation services

selling and generating profit off the increased value.

The Rundle Heights area in the city's northeast end, an area with a large concentration of lower-income individuals, is seeing the greatest tax

increase, at an average of 25.6 per cent.

"It's got to be tough for some people, but that's why we've got some of those programs out there," Risling said, adding that the city has alternatives to assist seniors with payments, as well as a monthly payment plan for all taxpayers.

Officials from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation feel that the method of gathering taxes is missing the mark, though city officials have guaranteed

the average increase will only be 7.5 per cent.

"This is squarely on the backs of city council," said the federation's Alberta director Scott Hennig. "They're going to try to blame the market value assessment system. They know how it works, but yet they don't care that it's going to hurt some individuals."

Laura Marvan has lived in Riverdale for 4½ years, and expects her rates to skyrocket to around 30 per cent this

year. After a 53 per cent increase last year, she said she has no plans to move, but can understand how low-income families could feel pressured.

"If you want to be someone who lives in the neighbourhood and raise your kids here, it's a lot of extra money. It's hard," she said. "There is added pressure to sell your house and get out. If you can't afford the taxes, it's time to move on I guess. It's changing our neighbourhood for sure."

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Eskimos Trying to make the team



Edmonton Eskimos coaching staff speaks to players at the end of the first of three rookie camps at Clarke Stadium prior to the beginning of training camp beginning on Sunday. The Eskis first exhibition game is Friday, June 13, and the season starts June 28 in Regina.

Tax fans, wait til '09

Mayor says tax increase not due to overspending

By ANDREW COWIE
for Metro Edmonton

A possible tax increase of 9.4 per cent for 2009 was shown to city council and one councillor believes that number could hit close to 20 per cent as costs rise.

Coun. Bryan Anderson said the \$50 million set aside for city boards and authorities in the 2009 Operating Budget Guideline was extremely low, and as that increases, as Anderson said it

last year

» Last year's tax increase was first proposed to be as high as 10.9 per cent before falling back to 7.5 per cent.

likely would, the taxes people pay will rise as well.

"When we talk about 9.4, we really are talking about double that," Anderson said. "Every member of council has to start today thinking long and hard about their priorities."

Mayor Stephen Mandel stressed that this rising tax increase was not related to overspending, something the

mayor was not a huge fan of hearing.

"I'm sick and tired of people saying the city spends too much money because we don't," Mandel said. "If we had the money the feds did we would do a heck of a better job."

Coun. Don Iverson said he saw the tax increase as the way to make Edmonton a "truly great city" and says he was tired of the lack of spending the city has done over the years and he was willing to pay.

"We're not lighting their money on fire, we're using it to do precisely the things they're demanding," he said.

Indy race locked up

By JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Edmonton

Alberta's capital will be officially in the pole position for Indy Car racing in Canada for the next three years after a deal was reached between Northlands and the racing circuit.

The Indy Car Series will make Edmonton its only Canadian stop during its 2008 schedule on July 26, in a race that is expected to attract drivers like 2007 rookie standout Marco Andretti, female racer Danica Patrick and Indianapolis 500 winner Scott Dixon.

American open wheel racing will return to Edmonton

after the IndyCar Series merged with the Champ Car World Series last winter.

"We knew this was a great Champ Car venue, so when we looked at bringing these two series together, one of the first considerations was what events make sense to really blend together as quickly as we can," said Indy spokesman Perry Angstadt.

"Edmonton was high on the list and that's why we could not be more pleased that we were able to do that."

More than 167,000 fans flocked to the Rexall Speedway for the Champ Car Edmonton stop, the Grand Prix of Edmonton, last year.

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Rexall Edmonton Indy GM Jim Haskins relaxes with an Indy car that was on hand at a glitzy press conference at the AgriCom yesterday.

Minister tours prison site

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

It'll be a great place to visit, but you won't want to stay there, said Minister of Infrastructure Jack Hayden from the site of the new Edmonton Remand Centre yesterday.

The foundation for the 60,000-square-metre, \$620-million project hasn't been fully poured yet, but Hayden and Solicitor General Fred Lindsay took a tour of the site yesterday, which will eventually house 2,000 prisoners.

The current remand centre is housing roughly 750 inmates on any given day. It

was originally built to hold 350.

Due to extreme overcrowding, prisoners are often given credit for triple time served if they await sentencing in the Remand Centre.

"Credits are given due to overcrowding in the Edmonton Remand Centre, obviously this facility will put an end to that," Lindsay said.

Lindsay said it hasn't yet been decided what the fate of the old Remand Centre will be, but that it may be used to house prisoners if the new facility reaches capacity.

The maximum-security facility is slated for completion in November 2011.

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Global warming could reduce ice cover, increasing evaporation rates and dropping water levels in the Great Lakes and pose added pollution threats to the region's ecosystem, environmental groups said in a report yesterday.

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PMO, CSIS met over Bernier: Grits

Liberals allege meeting took place weeks ago

Officials from the Prime Minister's Office and CSIS agents met early this month to discuss Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier's controversial relationship with a woman known to have ties with biker gangs, Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh

charged yesterday.

The meeting was held between May 1 and 8, according to Dosanjh. May 8 was the day the first news reports appeared detailing Julie Couillard's past romantic links to members of Quebec biker gangs.

Bernier resigned from cabinet Monday just hours before Couillard told a television interviewer that Bernier left the secret documents related to a



cabinet shuffle

» Prime Minister Stephen Harper will shuffle his cabinet in coming weeks, but will limit the moves to what is necessary to replace the foreign minister, a source close to Harper said yesterday. The cabinet shuffle was prompted by Maxime Bernier's resignation.

recent NATO meeting at her home in mid-April. The documents were returned to the federal government over the past few days.

Prime Minister Stephen

Harper had dismissed questions from opposition MPs for more than three weeks about security concerns over the foreign minister's relationship.

During question period in

the House of Commons yesterday, Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day refused to confirm or deny whether the meeting with Canadian Security Intelligence Service agents took place, saying he couldn't talk about such matters.

"All these questions have been thoroughly answered and I hope the member opposite is not so naive as to think that meetings between CSIS members and the Prime Min-

ister on any subject would be a matter of total public record. How naive is he being," Day said.

Dosanjh called that response utter hogwash.

"The fact is that the Prime Minister's Office met with CSIS to discuss the former foreign affairs minister. Why would he not say whether or not a meeting took place? Did a meeting take place or not?"

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»news In Brief

» **ARCTIC** Five Arctic coastal nations agreed yesterday to let the UN rule on conflicting territorial claims on the region's seabed, which may hold up to one fourth of the world's undiscovered hydrocarbon reserves. Canada — represented by Natural Resources Minister Gary Lunn — Denmark, Norway, Russia and the United States met in Greenland to discuss

sovereignty over the Arctic Ocean seabed.

» **COVER-UP** Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion said yesterday Conservatives appear to be involved in a cover-up of a deliberate leak orchestrated to embarrass Democratic presidential frontrunner Barack Obama. Dion pointed to information uncovered by Torstar News Service

suggesting the PMO leaked information to a Republican operative for distribution.

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Native abuses to come to light

Hearings to be held across nation

After decades of foot-dragging, Canada is about to take a close look at what one aboriginal leader calls "the single most disgraceful, harmful and racist act in our history."

From the 1870s to the 1970s, around 150,000 native children were forcibly removed from their parents and sent to distant residential schools, where many say they were abused mentally, physically and sexually.

One prominent academic calls what happened a genocide, yet for many years few Canadians knew about it.

Now, for the first time, the mainstream population will be learning a lot more about



ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

Native women chant during a march in Vancouver in this Feb. 14, 2007, file photo. Canada is about to take a close look at the former residential school program.

what was done in its name.

As part of a \$1.9-billion settlement between Ottawa and the 90,000 school survivors in May 2006 that ended years of lawsuits, a truth and reconcil-

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The commission, which has a life span of five years, will travel across Canada and hold public hearings.

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Montreal 38 arrests



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Montreal police officers arrest a woman yesterday in connection with street gang activities and drug distribution during an early morning operation which included 34 raids leading to 38 arrests in the Montreal area.

human rights

Medicinal pot ban leads to rights fight

ONTARIO Banning medicinal marijuana users from smoking on outdoor patios violates human rights, says an Ottawa man who has lodged a complaint against Ontario.

Russell Barth's complaint this week to the Ontario Human Rights Commission alleges that the Ontario Liquor Licence Act, which prohibits consumption of controlled substances in licensed areas, infringe on people federally licensed to smoke marijuana.

The complaint comes after Barth, who suffers from fibromyalgia, was prevented from smoking outside a club on May 7.

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'Ogre' sentenced to life

French serial killer, wife, found guilty in grisly murders

Self-confessed killer and rapist Michel Fourniret and his wife Monique Olivier were sentenced to life in prison yesterday in one of France's grimmest serial murder cases.

The couple showed no reaction after Fourniret, dubbed the "Ogre of the Ardennes" by the media, was found guilty in a packed courtroom of killing seven women and girls aged between 12 and 22 after raping or attempting to rape them.

Some victims were first drugged and bound. Fourniret, who has admitted a fascination for virgins, was arrested in 2003 after a 13-year-old girl escaped from his van and called the police.

The crimes were committed over 14 years from 1987, mostly in the wooded Ardennes region of northern France and in Belgium.

The case helped lead to a shake-up of the way French police investigate serial mur-



Self-confessed French serial killer Michel Fourniret arrives at a jail at the end of his trial in Charleville-Mezieres yesterday.

ders, including the improvement of co-ordination between different authorities.

Fourniret, 66, will be able to seek a reduced sentence only after serving 30 years in jail. Given his age, he is unlikely to ever walk free.

Olivier, 59, must spend at least 28 years in jail for the

part she played in some of the murders and a rape, said the court in northern France.

Described by the chief prosecutor as a "big slimy spider" and "cunning witch" during the trial, Olivier was accused of helping Fourniret select and capture targets and hiding their bodies.

Psychologists who examined the couple have said they were not insane and were slightly above average in intelligence. The specialists concluded that the self-obsessed, authoritative Fourniret took a sadistic pleasure in rape and murder.

REUTERS

Torrential rains kill 50 in China

4,000 people also left stranded, state media say

Torrential rain in southern and eastern China has killed at least 50 people in the past

week and left 4,000 stranded, state media said yesterday, a fortnight after a big earthquake rattled Sichuan province.

The poor and remote southwestern province of Guizhou has been hardest hit, with 36 dead and another 14 missing, the official Xinhua news agency said.

"Tents, quilts and clothes have been sent to Wangmo County in Guizhou, which

has been severely hit by rain and floods," it added.

Hunan, Hubei and Guangxi provinces have also been affected, and hundreds of buildings have been buried by landslides and roads cut-off, Xinhua said.

The China Meteorological Administration warned that more rain is expected in eastern and southern China over the next three days, it added.

"The State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters issued a warning urging provinces to keep a close watch on the changing weather and act to avert possible danger," Xinhua said.

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draining lakes

» The floods occurred as authorities frantically try to drain hundreds of endangered reservoirs and dozens of lakes formed by landslides triggered by the severe earthquake which hit southwest Sichuan province on May 12.

China Quake lake



A soldier points as a helicopter arrives to transport heavy machinery to the Tangjiashan quake lake, in the earthquake-hit area of Leigu town in Beichuan county, Sichuan province yesterday.

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Victims in group graves

Myanmar's military has started to bury cyclone victims in communal graves, villagers said yesterday, as Western nations pledged to keep aid flowing despite anger at its detention of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

The former Burma has been promised millions of dollars in Western help since Cy-

clone Nargis, but this cut no ice with the junta regarding the Nobel laureate, who has been under house arrest or in prison for nearly 13 of the last 18 years. Officials drove to Suu Kyi's Yangon home Tuesday to read out an extension order, but it was unclear whether the extension was for six months or a year.

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Bush shaded Iraq truth: Ex-official

Former White House press secretary Scott McClellan charges in an explosive new book that U.S. President George W. Bush used propaganda to sell the Iraq war, prompting angry rebukes from current and former Bush aides.

"In the permanent campaign era, it was all about manipulating sources of public opinion to the president's advantage," wrote McClellan, the first Bush insider to write a book criticizing his former boss and fellow Texan. It was a dramatic break from the close-knit Bush inner circle by the mild-mannered, 40-year-old McClellan and it

drew instant condemnations yesterday from former White House colleagues who wondered why he stayed in the job.

"If he thinks he's going to ingratiate himself to his crit-

ics, he's sorely mistaken, and unfortunately, the only friends he had, he just lost," said Dan Bartlett, who served as White House counselor.

McClellan, in *What Happened — Inside the Bush*

White House and Washington's Culture of Deception, presents himself as a one-time true Bush believer who mistakenly fell in line behind "the campaign to sell the war" in Iraq.

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Criticism

» McClellan called Bush "a man of personal charm, wit, and enormous political skill," and "plenty smart enough to be president," while sprinkling criticism of him throughout the 341-page book.

Lebanon Festival



EMILY DANA/REUTERS

Lebanese singer Nancy Ajram performs during a festival for Lebanon's newly-elected President Michel Suleiman in downtown Beirut yesterday.

»news In Brief



» **AFRICA** South Africa's government said yesterday it was offering shelter to tens of thousands of African migrants who fled their homes during a wave of xenophobic attacks but denied it was setting up camps.

» **DARFUR** The three major U.S. presidential candidates issued a rare joint statement yesterday condemning

atrocities against civilians in Sudan and demanding an end to the violence.

» **AID** U.S. warships will soon leave waters near Myanmar if the junta does not allow the American military to deliver food, water and other aid to cyclone survivors, a U.S. commander said yesterday.

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French taxi drivers yesterday agreed to a government deal that will raise the number of taxis in Paris but falls short of deregulation proposals they resisted in protests that disrupted the capital in February.

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Nepal abolishes monarchy

239-year reign of Hindu kings coming to an end

Nepal's political parties voted yesterday to abolish the Himalayan kingdom's 239-year-old Hindu monarchy, a key demand of Maoists after they ended a decade-long war against the government.

Delegates at a special assembly voted 560 to four in favour of abolishing the monarchy. Hours before, suspected royalists threw three small, homemade bombs in Nepal's capital, wounding one person.

The government has told unpopular King Gyanendra to vacate his pink pagoda-roofed palace in the capital Kathmandu within a fortnight, or be forced out. He has made few comments on his future



Parliamentarians congratulate each other after voting for republic at the Constituent Assembly in Kathmandu yesterday.

plans, except to say he wanted to remain in Nepal.

On hearing the result of the vote, thousands of people danced in the streets of Kathmandu, many waving different party flags and chanting "Welcome to a republic." The

government declared the next two days a public holiday.

"Today is the day when my dreams have been realized and similarly the dreams of the nation have perhaps also been realized," Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala said in

an address to the assembly.

Activists of the royalist militant group Ranabir Sena threw pamphlets at the site of one of yesterday's blasts, demanding that Nepal remain a Hindu kingdom, police said.

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Germany boosts biodiversity plan

Pledges millions to save forests

Germany has pledged 500 million euros (\$774 million) by 2012 to help protect the world's forests, a move activists said could give impetus to UN talks on preserving the Earth's biodiversity.

Chancellor Angela Merkel, who won praise from environmentalists last year for her part in pushing through EU and G8 deals to fight climate change, made the commitment at a UN conference as it entered its decisive phase.

"We need a turning point on the issue of biodiversity," Merkel told delegates from 191 states participating in the 12-day conference which ends tomorrow.

UN studies say the planet is facing the most serious spate of extinctions since dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago, and experts meeting in Bonn

are trying to agree on ways to slow down the rate at which plants and animals are dying out.

Human activity, including greenhouse gas emissions, are largely to blame, say the experts, who also warn of the economic costs of the loss of biodiversity.

Politicians have started to take biodiversity more seriously because of a surge in food prices which has been linked to booming demand in fast-growing economies, including China, and the growing use of crops to provide fuel.

Experts say crops will suffer if wild stocks die out.

"We're ready to take responsibility,"

said Merkel. "We're ready to do everything we can to safeguard the riches of our Earth and the foundation of life for mankind," she said, adding some 150 animal and plant varieties die out every day.

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middle east

Iraq may ask for debt relief

RECONSTRUCTION Baghdad may seek debt relief from Arab countries at an international conference today to discuss progress on a plan for Iraq's reconstruction.

Iraq is co-chairing with the United Nations a review of a strategy adopted in Egypt a year ago and it also wants technical support and more engagement from neighbouring Sunni-led Arab states.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki will be able to cite figures released that showed violence in Iraq has fallen to its lowest level in more than four years.

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U.S. states sue EPA over standards

Claim policy violates Clean Air Act



"weak" smog standards

» The suit, filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, seeks to overturn the "weak" smog standards, Cuomo said. U.S. clean air laws require the EPA to regularly review and update pollution standards.

New York and 13 other states are suing U.S. Environmental Protection Agency claiming it violated the Clean Air Act in revising ozone pollution standards in March, the New York attorney general said yesterday.

"The EPA is charged with protecting the environment, yet the Bush administration has repeatedly used it as a tool for facilitating pollution instead of combating it," New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said in a release.

In March, the EPA revised standards for ozone pollu-

tion, a prime component of smog that can trigger asthma and other breathing problems, particularly for the young and old.

At the time Stephen Johnson, the EPA's chief, said he complied with the U.S. Clean Air Act and with scientific data in setting the new ozone standard at 75 parts per billion in ambient air in the United States. The previous standard was 80 parts per billion.

The EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee recommended, however, a standard of 60 to 70 parts per billion, with the lower level suggested for the young.

Industry groups had pushed for a higher level, citing costs of tougher regulations. They said that many counties hadn't been able to meet the previous standard that had been in place for decades.

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Wax Dietrich immortalized



A wax figure of actress and singer Marlene Dietrich is pictured at the site of Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum in Berlin yesterday. The new museum will open in July.

JOHANNES EISELE/REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **TOILET** Astronauts aboard the NASA space shuttle Discovery will be carrying an extra piece of cargo when they launch on Saturday — a new toilet pump. Crew members aboard the International Space Station have been fumbling with plastic bags since their zero-gravity toilet stopped working properly last week.

» **SUGAR CANE** Amnesty International criticized poor working conditions and

forced labour in Brazil's fast-growing sugar cane sector yesterday, as the government tries to promote the cane-based ethanol industry as a way to reduce poverty.

» **INQUIRY** A Colombian congressional commission yesterday opened a preliminary inquiry into whether President Alvaro Uribe was involved in the bribery of a lawmaker who switched her vote to back his re-election.

REUTERS

Stems cells debated in Brazil

Brazil's Supreme Court started voting yesterday on whether to uphold legislation that allows research on embryonic stem cells in the world's largest Roman Catholic country.

Eight out of the 11 judges had voted by the time the session was suspended in late evening. Four voted in favour of stem cell research and the others supported it with re-

strictions, a court spokeswoman said.

The final decision, which could still go either way, is expected today, she added.

In 2005, Brazil became the first Latin American country to legalize research with embryonic stem cells and is the only country in the region conducting such research, but the issue has been highly divisive.

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Oil prices will likely stay near record highs this summer, meaning Canadians will keep paying unprecedented prices at the gasoline pump, Canada's energy regulator, the National Energy Board, said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Bulgaria **Fuel costs drive protests**

Truck drivers park their vehicles along the road during a strike yesterday in protest against fuel prices at a section of Sofia's ring road. Bulgarian truck drivers rallied, following the lead of British and French truckers and French fishermen in a wave of demonstrations and blockades by groups which say fuel costs threaten their livelihoods.

TD Bank reports 3 per cent dip in profits

Toronto-Dominion Bank said yesterday its second-quarter profit fell 3 per cent, hit by a tough environment in wholesale banking and restructuring

charges for its recent U.S. acquisition, Commerce Bancorp.

Canada's second-largest bank by market value said its wholesale banking profit fell

57 per cent to \$93 million.

At TD Canada Trust, its domestic personal and commercial banking unit, profit rose 8 per cent to \$582 million. **REUTERS**

Biofuels get OK

House gives green light to legislation

Government legislation that will require all gasoline sold in Canada to contain 5 per cent ethanol by 2010 passed the House of Commons yesterday.

The bill, which also calls for diesel to contain 2 per cent renewable fuels by 2012, won the support of the main opposition Liberal Party. Opposition was voiced by other parties over concern

plants built or under construction

» Canada has 16 ethanol plants built or under construction, according to industry data, with a total capacity of 1.6 billion litres produced from corn and wheat.

» There are currently three biodiesel plants with a combined capacity of 97 million litres, mainly using animal fats. A plant that would produce 225 million litres of biodiesel from canola oil is under construction in Alberta.

about food-crop production being diverted to fuel.

The governing Conservatives and the Liberals argued that only a small portion of food crops such as corn will be used to make the biofuel.

The legislation must now be approved by the Senate, where passage is likely.

The bill would create demand for an estimated 2 billion litres of ethanol and 600 million litres of biodiesel. **REUTERS**

Cross-border shopping stalls

Travel deficit falls in first quarter after 2007's record high

A brutal winter and soaring fuel prices kept Canadians from visiting or spending as much in the United States in the first three months of this year as they did in the last

half of 2007.

Canada's international travel deficit — the difference between spending by Canadian residents abroad and spending by foreigners in this country — fell to about \$3.1 billion in the first quarter, down \$295 million from the record high set in the fourth quarter of last year,

Statistics Canada reported yesterday.

The travel deficit had jumped by \$744 million in the third quarter and \$620 million in the fourth quarter of 2007, fuelled by a major climb in cross-border shopping by Canadians going south of the border.

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Fashion **Luxury house**

A woman walks in front of a Burberry store yesterday in central London. British fashion brand Burberry Group Plc. reported a 14 per cent rise in annual profit, helped by strong sales of its luxury handbags and trench coats. The company declined to comment on talk it could be a takeover target.

ACE Aviation sells Aeroplan, Jazz stakes

Holding company being wound down

ACE Aviation Holdings Inc., Air Canada's parent company, said yesterday it sold its remaining stakes in Aeroplan Income Fund and Jazz Air Income Fund for \$434 million, moving closer to its goal of winding up operations.

ACE Chief Executive Robert Milton has been evaluating the best way to part with the Air Canada stake as a way to end the holding company

Air Canada parent

» The sale leaves ACE with a 75 per cent interest in Air Canada, the country's biggest airline, and a 23 per cent stake in aircraft maintenance and repair firm ACTS.

structure it set up in 2004 as part of the airline's bankruptcy protection proceedings.

Earlier this month, Milton said chances of an imminent sale of Air Canada were low due to the surge in fuel prices. **REUTERS**

» news In Brief

» **APPEAL** BCE Inc. made its formal argument before the Supreme Court of Canada yesterday to hear an appeal of a lower court decision that could kill its planned buyout, saying it was imperative to clarify rules governing corporate boards.

» **EXCHANGE** TSX Group, which operates the Toronto Stock Exchange, said its board may need more time to

decide on a new chief executive, following a report that it is close to hiring former Chicago Board of Trade head Bernard Dan.

» **OPEC** Indonesia will quit the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) because as a net oil importer it is not happy with high global crude prices, its energy minister said yesterday. **REUTERS**



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sports



The Dallas Stars signed defenceman Trevor Daley, left, to a three-year contract extension worth \$6.9 million US yesterday. Daley, 24, appeared in all 82 games this past season, scoring five goals and 24 points. **REUTERS**

Sid gets Pens back in final

Crosby pots pair as Pittsburgh pares series deficit to 2-1

PENGUINS 3 WINGS 2

He's not yet old enough to drink champagne from the Stanley Cup in these parts but leave it to Sid The Kid to rekindle the battle for hockey's most cherished trophy.

In a game the Penguins absolutely had to win, in a series in which they'd yet to score a goal, Sidney Crosby scored twice to lead Pittsburgh to a 3-2 victory over Detroit in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final.

The Wings still lead the series 2-1 but, at least, it's a series again.

Coming into the game, Crosby has struggled noticeably for open ice and could get very little done while constantly facing the checking of the Henrik Zetterberg line and the defensive pair of



Penguins captain Sidney Crosby celebrates a first-period goal as he flies past Detroit Red Wings goaltender Chris Osgood last night during Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final in Pittsburgh. Crosby's goal broke the Pens' Cup final futility streak without scoring at just under seven periods.

Nicklas Lidstrom and Brian Rafalski.

But Crosby never lost confidence.

When asked before last night's game what he would

have done differently in the first two contests, Crosby refused to concede that things had gone poorly.

"I wouldn't change a whole lot to be honest," he

said. "I feel like I'm moving my feet. It's tight-checking. I want to make sure when I get opportunities I capitalize on my chances and execute well. But I wouldn't change a

whole lot."

Turns out he didn't need to. In a game that finally lived up to the billing that this would be an exciting Stanley Cup final — the third period was frenetic and included an incredible save by Marc-Andre Fleury who got the tip of his stick on a Thomas Holmstrom shot while reaching across an open net — Crosby shone brightest with the first goals.

Adam Hall, banking a shot from behind the net off Chris Osgood, made it 3-1 in the third. But Mikael Samuelsson made it 3-2 with just over six minutes remaining to set up a nail-biting finish.

But Pittsburgh held on and the win gives the Penguins a perfect 9-0 record on home ice during the playoffs. It was the team's 17 consecutive victory at Mellon Arena.

"I think it's just a certain confidence level," said Crosby, explaining the streak.

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NHL

Sundin earns Messier Award

HONOURS Toronto Maple Leafs captain Mats Sundin was named the winner of the Mark Messier Leadership Award yesterday.

Sundin

The award, which was created in 2006, goes to the player recognized for outstanding performance on the ice, leadership skills as well as a dedication to humanitarian efforts away from the rink.

tennis

Sharapova survives early scare in Paris

BATTLE Top-seeded Maria Sharapova was two points away from a first-round defeat against fellow Russian Evgeniya Rodina yesterday at the French Open before prevailing 6-1, 3-6, 8-6.

On the men's side, second-seeded Rafael Nadal dashed past Brazilian Thomaz Bellucci 7-5, 6-3, 6-1 to extend his French Open winning streak to 22.

NBA

Popovich staying put with Spurs

DEALS The San Antonio Spurs have extended the contract of head coach Gregg Popovich through the 2011-12 season.

Popovich is in his 12th year as coach of the Spurs. He has guided San Antonio to four NBA championships and holds a 634-302 regular season record.

NBA

Hornets give Scott contract extension

DEALS The New Orleans Hornets agreed with head coach Byron Scott on a contract extension yesterday.

Per team policy, terms of the contract were not revealed, but the New Orleans Times-Picayune reports it's a two-year deal estimated at \$6 million US annually. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Allen hangs up helmet, but keeps options open

Damon Allen finally closed the door on his extraordinary football career.

But he didn't lock it.

While he announced yesterday that he was, in fact, retiring after 23 years in the CFL, he left open the possibility that he might answer the call if a team needed someone to temporarily fill in for its injured quarterback.

"When that time comes my ears will be open," he said. "That's the kind of situation

where I wouldn't be surprised teams would think of me due to the fact I understand the game and I'm someone they wouldn't have to teach a whole new offence.

"But if the situation is not right, I'm going to say no."

The 44-year-old led four teams to Grey Cup titles in his sure-to-be Hall of Fame career while becoming pro football's all-time passing leader.

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Allen

Celtics 1 win from finals

Garnett seals victory at foul line

CELTICS 106 PISTONS 102

Kevin Garnett scored 33 points and hit the sealing free throws with 3.4 seconds left, as the Boston Celtics held off the Detroit Pistons 106-102 last night in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Ray Allen snapped out of a shooting slump to score 29 points, and Kendrick Perkins had the best playoff game of his career with 18 points and 16 rebounds for the Celtics.

Boston nearly wasted a 15-point fourth-quarter lead, but now holds a 3-2 edge in the best-of-seven series, with Game 6 tomorrow in Detroit.

Chauncey Billups had 26 points and Richard Hamilton scored 25 before leaving in the final minute with a strained right elbow for the Pistons, who are in the East finals for a sixth consecutive year, but now are a loss away from being ousted. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Celtics forward Paul Pierce drives past Detroit Pistons guard Richard Hamilton last night during Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals in Boston. Pierce had 16 points in the win.

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PITTSBURGH VS. DETROIT

Game 3 — Last night

Pittsburgh 3 Detroit 2

Game 4 — Saturday

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6

Game 5 — Monday

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6

(Detroit leads series 2-1)

NBA

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

BOSTON VS. DETROIT

Game 5 — Last night

Boston 106 Detroit 102

Game 6 — Tomorrow

Boston at Detroit, 6:30

(Boston leads series 3-2)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. LAKERS VS. SAN ANTONIO

Game 5 — Tonight

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 7

*Game 6 — Saturday

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 6:30

(L.A. Lakers lead series 3-1)

(* — if necessary)

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago W. Sox 6 Cleveland 5

Texas at Tampa Bay 5 Texas 3

N.Y. Yankees 4 Baltimore 2

Minnesota 9 Kan. City 8 (10 ings)

Toronto at Oakland

Detroit at L.A. Angels

Boston at Seattle

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 6 Colorado 1

N.Y. Mets 7 Florida 6 (12 ings)

Cincinnati 9 Pittsburgh 1

Milwaukee 1 Atlanta 0

Cubs 2 L.A. Dodgers (10 ings)

St. Louis 6 Houston 1

San Francisco at Arizona

Washington at San Diego

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto at Oakland, 1:35

Chicago W. Sox at Tampa Bay, 5:10

Minnesota at Kansas City, 6:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta at Milwaukee, 11:05

Washington at San Diego, 1:35

L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 5:10

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 5:10

Colorado at Chicago Cubs, 6:05

Houston at St. Louis, 6:15

San Francisco at Arizona, 7:40

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To furnish a guest room in your home, include an alarm clock by the bed, paper and pens, scissors, tape, tissue, and a hair dryer. And, a phone in the room will definitely be much appreciated. HGTV.CA

Powder room calls for dramatic look

Great sinks are the focal point of this small space

We love a lavishly appointed and dramatic powder room, which is a small bathroom that contains only a sink and a toilet.

We simply abhor beige and boring in this space — we think it is a design crime to waste a glorious opportunity to make a bold statement. And what's more, you are allowed — even encouraged — to decorate in a way that attracts attention. Why on Earth wouldn't you grab the opportunity?

This can be a place where you can take your first tentative steps toward uninhibited artistic expres-



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sion. Remember that a powder room is also a room that guests see, and it should contain a few splurges, since it is a room that reflects on your hospitality and is also a great place to show off your own unique sense of style.

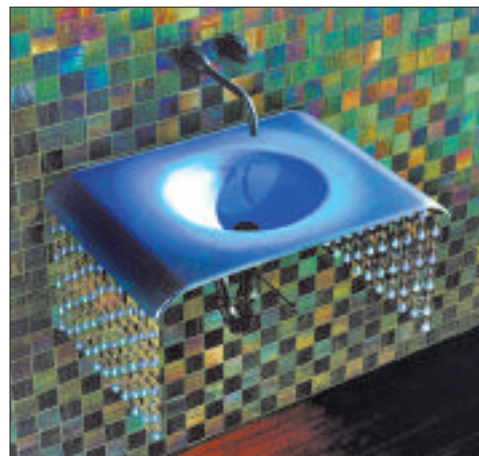
The biggest design impact can often come from the walls and ceiling in such a space. Walls and sometimes ceilings can be painted with decorative treatments, such as glazing

or other paint effects. Many people also choose bright, jewel-like tones, or deep, regal colours such as wine red, deep purple or chocolate brown. These saturated tones can be stunning! Dramatic wallpaper is also making a big comeback in powder rooms. Since this room does not get wet in the same way as a shower or bath, powder rooms can use finishes that would not normally be recommended for wet rooms, such as fabric finish wallpaper, for example. Consider using it on the ceiling as well. Since this room should be impressive, do plan to spend a little more for an attractive appearance — a great sink and faucet are important because these features

tend to be the focal point in a powder room.

Consider an antique dresser or a buffet that spans a wall — this more formal look is simply smashing. Also consider crown moulding of between three and five inches, and a thick baseboard of up to eight inches — they'll add weight and an air of formality. A beautiful mirror and gorgeous lighting is also a worthwhile investment in a powder room — again, the scale is small, so exquisite finishes become possible.

Most of all, don't crowd an already small space with objects that stick out such as shelving, racks or baskets. If possible, recess these into the wall. Keep personal objects to a minimum. If the space is really



This Moxie wall-mount lavatory by Kohler illustrates the dramatic statement that can be made with powder room sinks.

tight, consider a pedestal or a small wall-hung sink to keep things architecturally clean. And don't forget a hook for a guest's sweater, and a tiny counter

space — if possible — for a purse.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network. Tammy is an interior decorator. Jeffrey designs home furnishings and bedding through his company Jeffrey Fisher Home.

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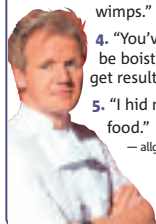
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Celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay quotes:

1. "I have a very assertive way. It's wake up, move your ass, or piss off home."
2. "There are huge numbers of young women out there who know how to mix cocktails but can't cook to save their lives, whereas men are finding their way into the kitchen in ever-growing numbers."
3. "The problem with Yanks is they are wimps."
4. "You've got to be boisterous to get results."
5. "I hid myself in food."

— allgreatquotes.com



Grilling's a personal thing

Experimentation key to success, BBQ guru says

By SANDY CAETANO
for Metro Edmonton

Whether you're baking, pan-frying or grilling a chunk of sirloin steak on the barbecue, the spices and flavours you add to your meal ultimately depend on your taste buds.

Award-winning chef and food entertainer Ted Reader says barbecuing is a personal thing — what type of sauces or spice you use is up to you.

"You need to develop your own flavours — but that being said, it is better to start easy with spices and sauces and develop your recipe," says Reader. "It is easier to add than take away. Play it safe and make it delicious."

Reader recently launched a new line of products, World Famous BBQ, which features

12 sauces, seasonings and rubs — including Orgasmic Onion, Shirazamataz and Crazy Canuck. "I wanted to share my favourite barbecue sauce recipes with everyone who loves to grill and barbecue. These are favourites of mine that I have created and developed over the years," he says. "Looking at the current market place and the number of barbecue sauces that are available, I wanted to create a lineup of products that were more than just tomato-based."



Ted Reader

So how much sauce or seasoning is too much? Is less really more? Reader says the best way to know what's going to work for you is by experimenting. Shirazamataz is good for steaks and lamb, Crazy Canuck for ribs and chicken but it can also go

Wasabi teriyaki glaze

This sauce recipe is from Ted Reader's book *Napoleon's Everyday Gourmet Grilling*. The following details the Wasabi Teriyaki glaze for chicken and the complete grilling recipe (Tumble Basket Chicken Thighs with Wasabi Teriyaki Glaze) can be found in the book or online at metronews.ca.

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp vegetable oil 30 mL
1 tsp toasted sesame oil 5 mL
4 garlic, minced 4
1 tbsp finely chopped peeled fresh ginger 15 mL
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar 60 mL
1/4 cup rice vinegar 60 mL
1/2 cup Mango Barbecue Sauce 125 mL
(see recipe, page 50 of the

book)

1/4 cup soy sauce 60 mL
1/4 cup water 60 mL
1 tbsp prepared horseradish 15 mL
1 tsp wasabi powder 5 mL
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1/4 cup toasted sesame seeds 60 mL
1/2 cup pickled ginger 125 mL

METHOD:

In a medium saucepan, heat the vegetable oil and sesame oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the garlic and ginger for 3 to 4 minutes, until tender and fragrant. Stir in the brown sugar, vinegar, Mango Barbecue Sauce, soy sauce, and water. Bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Once grilling is complete, place chicken on a serving



platter and baste once more with the glazing sauce. Serve sprinkled with the toasted sesame seeds, pickled ginger and more sauce on the side.

FROM THE NAPOLEON'S EVERYDAY GOURMET GRILLING BOOK

great with seafood and veal.

"Play, experiment and have fun," says Reader. "Just

because there is an open flame does not make the food cook any faster. Take it easy and have patience."

Top chef Feenie loves comfort foods for his family

Rob Feenie is one of Canada's most acclaimed chefs and the first Canadian to win on *Iron Chef America*.

Q What is your fondest memory from your family kitchen?

A Every Sunday night at my house growing up my mom did a roast. I

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loved everything about Sunday night dinner — the taste, smell and sense of family.

Q What is your favourite food to

cook?

A I enjoy making comfort foods that appeal to my family. There are so many favourite dishes; home-made pastas, soups and roasts of all sorts, but especially chicken and prime rib.

Q Do you use cook-books?

A I read and use cook-books all the time. Right now my favourite is Mario Batali's (Italian American chef, restaurateur, TV host) book *Babbo*.

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Crab ravioli with black truffle beurre blanc

This recipe, from the book *Feenie's: Brunch, Lunch, Dinner*, is one of the dishes prepared on *Iron Chef America* — it was a hit with all the judges. Please visit metronews.ca for the complete recipe.



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Sabrina, the Teenage Witch star Caroline Rhea and her longtime boyfriend, Costaki Economopoulos, are expecting their first child, People.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

New generation of gaming

Wii Fit aims to bring families together

By **DARREN KRAUSE**
for Metro Edmonton

It was 9 p.m. last Sunday night; my girlfriend just returned home from an exhaustive hour of lacrosse.

With a quick glance and forced smile, I acknowledge her arrival and then fix my eyes back on Sonic And The Secret Rings, a game on my new Wii — a game system I stood in line 30 minutes to buy on a recent rainy Satur-

day morning at a Toys R Us in Calgary with my eight-year-old son ... two years after the first Wii system was launched in Canada.

"Let's play (Mario and Sonic At The) Olympics," she said. "I want to get better at it."

A nirvana sought since I was a pre-pubescent boy had now arrived — I had found a mate to share in my joy of video games.

The next question was: Why Wii and not the two Xboxes we have in the house?

Simple, according to Matt Ryan, spokesperson

Wii Fit

for Nintendo Canada — they've catered to "mom."

"(Nintendo) knows that mom makes a lot of decisions on what the family does for fun, what the family does to keep themselves together, and to play together," said Ryan.

"Nintendo needs to market its products to women in order to tap into that Chief Household Officer."

Funny thing is, my part-

ner only rubber-stamped the Wii purchase once I proved the entire family could actively participate.

It's also why 34-year-old Calgary mom of two, Natalie Young, picked up a Wii last Christmas, and why she's bounced between sold-out stores to find Nintendo's recently released and elusive Wii Fit.

"I wanted the Wii Fit for myself because in my busy

schedule with two kids it's hard to get out and exercise. With the Wii Fit I could do it at home and even get the kids involved, too."

Physical activity is one of the catalysts for Wii's recent domination of the gaming market. In Canada last year, the Nintendo Wii and portable DS system have outsold all other gaming platforms combined.

"Women seemed to really embrace the idea of having a video-game experience that was not only fun, but was also involved in physical activity," Ryan said, not-

ing that the violent, sedentary and anti-social have been the stigma attached to video gaming that Nintendo wanted to dispel.

The goal was to make gaming inviting to everyone from five to 95 and create a larger video-gaming market with women a large part of that new market — and they've done it.

The fact my partner and I have played our new Wii every night since its purchase (and a plan to get a Wii Fit when budget allows), is evidence enough for me.

Like I said ... nirvana.

Wii Fit can bring exercise into the home



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Wii Fit

Publisher: Nintendo
Platforms: Wii
Rating: E — Everyone
Game type: Sports
Rating: **** (out of five)

»What's the premise?

Step on to the new Wii Balance Board and have some fun getting healthier through a series of activities and exercises di-



Wii Fit and the Wii Balance Board will make you break a sweat in many of the activities offered.

vided up into four main areas: Yoga, strength training, aerobics and balance games. Burn some calories, improve your balance and get a little

stronger doing everything from a Sun Salutation to tightrope walking to ski jumping and more.

»This game is most similar to...

The use of the innovative Balance Board makes this one all its own

»Is it suitable for younger gamers?

My five-year-old took Wii Fit for a spin and he liked some of the aerobic activities like stepping and balance games like heading soccer balls and using the hula-hoop. As is often the case with the Wii,

it's nice to see kids up and moving around while gaming.

»One player or more?

More than one person can have a Wii Fit profile and benefit from some daily training, however the only two-player element that was evident in hours of reviewing was jogging which only requires a pair of Wii-motes.

»The (not-so) secret to success is...

Don't get discouraged. Try not to hurl the board out your window when it tells you you've got the fitness age of a much older

person or that your balance is so bad you ought to be walking into walls.

»What's missing?

Gatorade and a towel. If you earnestly try at most of the activities in Wii Fit, you'll break a sweat and get your heart pumping.

»And in the end?

Wii Fit is a refreshing change from everyday gaming with real potential for health benefits and the new Balance Board is a superb new gaming peripheral full of potential.

For more video game reviews, check out the Game On column at metronews.ca.



Patrick Swayze

Swayze's treatment working

Former Dirty Dancing star Patrick Swayze is responding well to treatment for pancreatic cancer, he told People magazine.

Swayze, 55, who announced in March that he had been diagnosed with cancer, is receiving treatment at Stanford University Medical Center near San Francisco.

"I am continuing treatment at Stanford and the great news is I continue to respond well," Swayze said in a statement to the magazine.

The treatment evidently is not slowing him down too much. People said Swayze spent the holiday weekend taking in a Los Angeles Lakers basketball game and shopping for jewelry for his wife, Lisa, in Reno, Nev.

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The Wii Balance Board offers gamers an entirely new way to play and experience games.

This season's American Idol champ, David Cook, right, has told TV show *Extra* that he is dating second season alum Kimberly Caldwell. Cook asked her out on the U.S. TV Guide Network.

PEOPLE.COM



reality show

MTV cashes in on T.I.'s legal woes



MUSIC MTV has ordered eight episodes of a reality show focused on rapper T.I. doing community service ahead of his one-year prison sentence, which he will start serving in the spring of 2009, ew.com reports.

The series has already captured T.I.'s release from house arrest and will begin shooting full-time this summer as he performs his 1,000 hours of community service. The show will also chronicle the release of his new album, *Paper Trail*, and the birth of his first child, and will likely air soon after T.I. goes to jail.

gold rush

McConaughey's brother gets show

CASTING A new McConaughey may soon be ruling the Hollywood roost, E! News Online reports.

While Matthew McConaughey had *Fool's Gold*, older brother Rooster — his birth certificate says Michael Patrick — will have *Black Gold*, a new truTV reality show from the producers of *Deadliest Catch*.

The series, which begins June 18, chronicles men working one of the most dangerous jobs in the world — the race to find oil in Texas.

Cancer fight

Networks join forces for research

TV SPECIAL ABC, CBS and NBC will air a live prime-time special Sept. 5 to raise money for cancer research, Reuters reports.

The hourlong *Stand Up to Cancer* will air commercial-free, with musical performances and appearances by actors and news anchors. Funds raised will go to organizations that work on research and treatment of cancer. Spider-Man producer Laura Ziskin, will produce the program.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Actors could be next to strike

STRUCK DUMB: THE SEQUEL

Pretty much the worst thing that could happen to the TV industry right now is another strike of key talent, but just such a catastrophe has been looming since before the writers effectively shot the kneecaps out of the 2007-08 season with their winterlong walk-out. The pair of unions that represent Hollywood's acting talent have been mulling about a strike for months now, sounding not unlike the guy in *Office Space* who threatened to burn the office down if he doesn't get his stapler back. According to a story in yesterday's *USA Today*, the lesser of the two unions — the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists — has reached a tentative deal with the representa-

tives of the producers, the sticking point being the same one that flared up into the writers' strike: fees for streamed and downloaded Internet content.

The deal affects "a handful of prime-time TV shows such as *Curb Your Enthusiasm*" and "will last through June 2011 if it is approved (by) AFTRA's national board and ratified by members." While I'm glad that Larry Davis is clear to work through into the next decade, the fact that this was the biggest show that AFTRA could claim success for gives you some idea how important restarting negotiations with the Screen Actors Guild are if a strike turns fall 2008 into the season where everyone buys a Blu-ray player.



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After the rich, velvety goodness that was the writers' strike, I'm anticipating another body blow to primetime with an avidity that verges on indecent. The sclerotic business television business model has to crumble sooner or later, but it'll get on with it a bit more sharply with a little of what management guru types call "creative destruction." The best case scenario is that business as usual

will be postponed so long that Fox will have to cast the children of the current stars of 24 to paper over the show's long hiatus, while selling the show as a bulk-purchase download — the full season for just 24 bucks

YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK?

The New York Times reported yesterday that TiVo — still struggling for market share even though its very name has become a verb — has struck a deal with the Chicago Tribune that will allow subscribers to access the recommendations of the paper's TV critic, Maureen Ryan, and have their machine automatically download them. The service will only be available for the roughly 100,000 TiVo subscribers in the Chicago

area, and the managing editor of the paper wistfully opined that "maybe we'll get a few people to do the unthinkable and subscribe to the newspaper."

Hell, I'm willing to offer the same basic service without a TiVo subscription — or even the use of a PVR. Just to get you started: a) turn off your TV; b) crack open a beer; c) practise your tuba playing on the front lawn; d) chuck rocks at the neighbours' kids; e) the beer thing again; f) recite loudly from dirty limeric book in comical accents; g) beer thing; h) do not resist arrest. There — a whole evening killed, and commercial-free, to boot!

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

critics' corner

Lost

Crank up the DVR, or prepare for a long evening in front of the tube. The season finale, which finds the survivors and the "freighter people" getting ready to rumble, clocks in at a whopping three hours. But for those who weathered the long wait for the show's return, it'll be worth it, at least in terms of drama. Matthew Fox and Jorge Garcia star in "There's No Place Like Home." 9 PM on KXLY



Mark Williams' Big Bangs

Mark Williams ends his limited series with, well, a big bang. He's made it to the modern history of explosives, and to help viewers understand his passion, he joins some British commandos on a mission. Also, Williams visits the atom bomb test site in New Mexico and participates in a special effects explosion inside the Arctic Circle. 7 PM on OLN

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Sandler accused of stealing idea

Apparently, you don't mess with the guy who claims to have originally come up with the idea for your movie.

The author of a 2003 webzine, 2005 comic book and 2007 novel all titled *The Hair-Raising Adventures of Jayms Blonde* has launched a legal salvo against Adam Sandler, seeking to halt the June 6 release of *Don't Mess With the Zohan*, *E!* News Online reports.

Ellis J. Paillet, a Louisiana attorney who represents author Robert W. Cabell, sent a cease and desist letter earlier this month to the comedians' camp, accusing Team Sandler of ripping off his client's ideas and threatening a full-blown lawsuit.

Sandler's publicist, Cindi Guagenti, declined to discuss the claims or potential litigation. "We don't comment on lawsuits, especially ones without merit," she said.

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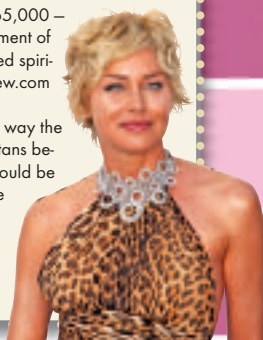


Cinema boycotts Stone movies

A Chinese cinema chain says it will boycott Sharon Stone movies following her comments last Thursday at Cannes that linked the country's disastrous May 12 earthquake – which to date has taken the lives of more than 65,000 – to "karma" and China's treatment of ethnic Tibetans and their exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, *ew.com* reports.

"I'm not happy about the way the Chinese are treating the Tibetans because I don't think anyone should be unkind to anyone else," Stone said in a red-carpet interview with Cable Entertainment News of Hong Kong.

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Ifans denies summer wedding

Welsh actor Rhys Ifans has denied rumours he is set to marry his fiancée Sienna Miller in a summer ceremony this year, *imdb.com* reports.

The couple was reportedly preparing to wed in August – a year after Miller rejected his first proposal, when the Notting Hill star asked for her hand in marriage by sending her a cryptic message in Welsh, which read: "Marry The Misfit."

The *Factory Girl* star said no for the second time when Ifans asked again at her 26th birthday party in December – but she finally agreed to marry him on his third attempt in March.

Reports have since been rife that the couple is planning a low-key celebration in the coming months, but Ifans has dismissed the claims.

He tells Britain's *Closer* magazine, "I'm not marrying Sienna this summer. I'm taking a break at the moment and just want to chill out."

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Dunst fought depression

Actress Kirsten Dunst has blasted reports she checked into rehab to tackle substance abuse issues, explaining she was depressed, *imdb.com* reports.

In her first interview since entering a Utah treatment centre last year, the *Marie Antoinette* star insists she spent six months trying to conquer the blues but eventually realized she needed help.

She tells *E!* News, "I didn't go to Cirque Lodge for alcohol abuse or drug abuse. I went there for depression. It was a good six months before I decided to go away. I was struggling, and I had the opportunity to go somewhere and take care of myself. I was fortunate to have the resources to do

it. My friends and family thought it was a good idea, too. But I didn't know where to go. My doctor recommended Cirque Lodge."

Dunst admits speculation about her health and personal problems haven't helped her in her battle: "Depression is pretty serious and should not be gossiped about. There's been a lot of misrepresentation about what is going on in my life... (That's) very painful for my friends and family. Everyone feels like they have to defend me. They hear the rumours, and it puts them in a defensive position. Now that I'm feeling stronger, I'm prepared to say something."

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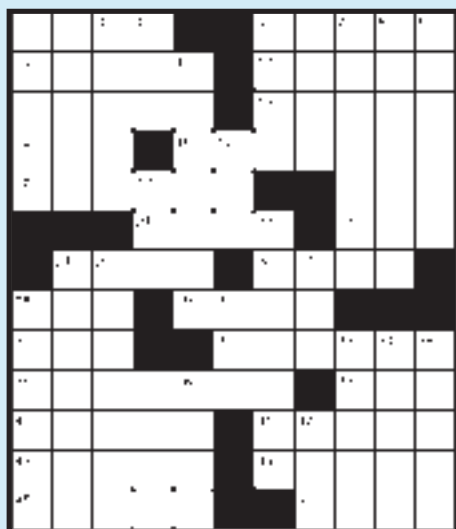
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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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Under 13 minutes Genius
13-17 minutes Scholar
17-21 Smart
21-25 Pretty good
More than 25 Keep practising

previous answer

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

Your ability to find happiness needs some fine-tuning. Speak lovingly to a special person. Be more rational with a needy person.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

A young man will cause problems. Everything will return to normal soon. A coward will shock everyone by taking action.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Be ready for some frustrating conversations. You'll have to use your ability to understand motives. You'll decide to test an absurd notion.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

You'll be forced to set boundaries. Nobody will be very happy about a big mistake. Make plans to reach out to a friend.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

You're able to relax with a member of the opposite sex. Have a good laugh about silliness. A mischief maker asks for help.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Love will bloom for an older female. Tone down your approach to a joker. Someone will back you up in a fresh scheme.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Someone precious asks you for a favour. Making a graceful exit will be the best choice. Depression comes from having extra work.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

A new schedule will make people uncomfortable. Ask a bureaucrat some serious questions. Avoid having too many drastic ideas.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Don't push anyone around in order to get ahead. Seek a miracle by taking responsibility. A woman will heed your call.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A pleasant meeting will cheer you. You'll have to work with a team to get a job done. Rules will inhibit the resolution of your desires.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A suspicious man will give you the benefit of a doubt. Get ready to shake things up. You can implement your secret plan.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

A woman will say something about love. Acknowledge an error. A collaborator will appear at the right time.

This Day IN HISTORY

May 29, 1733: Right of Canadians to keep Indian slaves upheld at Quebec City.

May 29, 1886: Chemist John Pemberton places his first advertisement for Coca-Cola, the ad appearing in the Atlanta Journal.

May 29, 1919: Einstein's theory of general relativity is tested (later confirmed) by Arthur Eddington's observation of a total solar eclipse in Principe and by Andrew Crommelin in Sobral, Ceará, Brazil.

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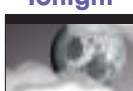
Edmonton weather

Afternoon



Mainly sunny.
23°

Tonight



Partly cloudy.
Low 12°

Friday



Partly cloudy.
19° / 8°

Saturday



Partly cloudy.
21° / 10°



Sunday



Mainly sunny.
22° / 9°

Temperature

Normals

High: 19.6°

Low: 6.7°

Records

High: 32.2°/1936

Low: -3.3°/1942

Sunrise: 5:13 a.m.

Sunset: 9:50 p.m.

Moonrise: 2:38 a.m.

Moonset: 3:17 p.m.

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Southgate Mall (kiosk)
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